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TAGS: UK, AR, UN, PFOR, PBOR

SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS MINISTER SYKES OF BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED ON DEPARTMENT (ARA BOWDLER) JUNE 13 TO ADVISE USG OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN FALKLAND ISLAND DISPUTE WITH ARGENTINA. SYKES SAID BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH THE GOA WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BECOME AN ANGLO-ARGENTINE CONDOMINIUM UNDER WHICH BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD JOINTLY EXERCISE SOVEREIGNTY BUT THE RIGHTS OF BRITISH CITIZEN INHABITANTS WOULD BE ASSURED. UK CONSIDERS ITS PROPOSALS AS FULFILLING UN DIRECTIVES TO TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO SYKES, ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES HAD INITIALLY APPEARED TO BE RECEPTIVE TO THIS  
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BRITISH PROPOSAL. HOWEVER MORE RECENTLY VIGNES INDICATED

GOA PERCEIVED DIFFICULTIES. UK HOPES GOA IS NOT PREPARING TO REJECT WHAT UK CONSIDERS TO BE A FAIR AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL. SUCH A REJECTION COULD LEAD TO REACTIVATION OF UK-ARGENTINE QUARREL OVER WHAT TO UK IS A RELATIVELY MINOR ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE RESOLVED.

3. SYKES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IF SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY AROSE AMBASSADOR HILL MIGHT EXPRESS US INTEREST IN

RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE OVER FALKLANDS IN A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY MANNER. BOWDLER SAID WE WOULD ADVISE AMBASSADOR HILL OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

4. SYKES SAID POSSIBILITY BRITISH OFFER WOULD BECOME PUBLIC EXISTED SINCE UK WAS CONSULTING WITH ISLANDERS. SISCO

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